

For Immediate Release

Easton, MD – November 2, 2022 Contact: Clay B. Stamp County Manager <u>cbstamp@talbotcountymd.gov</u> 410-770-8010

Talbot County Council Meeting Highlights, Tuesday, November 1, 2022

These highlights only reflect the business items covered from the Council's approved agenda. To view the complete County Council meeting, please visit: Talbot County Meeting Videos - Talbot County, Maryland (www.talbotcountymd.gov).

Proclamation – **American Education Week** – **November 14-18, 2022** - The Council presented a proclamation to Dr. Sharon Pepukayi, Superintendent, Talbot County Public Schools, for American Education Week – November 14-18, 2022. The proclamation noted that public education has long been the backbone of our democracy and that since its founding in 1921, the designation of American Education Week has sought to raise public awareness of the importance of education, the accomplishments and needs of public schools and to secure the cooperation and support of the public to meet those needs. The Council encouraged all citizens to recognize and encourage those involved in the field of education for their invaluable contributions.

Update by Easton Airport - Micah Risher, Manager, Easton Airport; Jack Pettit, President, Talbot County Airport Board – Mr. Risher provided an update on Easton Airport and stated that the self-sustaining enterprise remains strong with many airport businesses growing and expanding. Aircraft operations have returned to pre-pandemic levels and fuel sales continue to trend higher with the sale of both Jet-A and Avgas up by over 30%. The Runway Improvement Project has begun and will be designed over the next nine months. Additionally, community engagement events continue, with Mr. Risher highlighting the success of Easton Airport Day held on October 8, 2022 which approximately 5,000 people attended. Furthermore, the Aviation Career Education (ACE) program and Walk and Talk program continues. Since FY2019, the Airport has increased annual revenue by over \$149,000 through business expansion. In closing, Mr. Risher requested a letter of support from the Council for the Airport to participate in the annual Deer Cooperator Program issued through the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. The letter of support was unanimously approved by the Council.

The Council's next legislative meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 22, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room.

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.



Front Row (left to right): Corey Pack, Council member; Dr. Sharon Pepukayi, Superintendent, Talbot County Public Schools

Back Row (left to right): Frank Divilio, Council member; Pete Lesher, Vice President; Chuck Callahan, President; Laura Price, Council member